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COMMENTS

Claims 1-22 and 31-42 are now pending in the present application, Claims 1, 17, 18, and 31 having been amended, and new Claims 41-42 having been added.

Applicant would initially like to thank Examiner Burch for the courteous interview extended to Applicant's counsel, Michael Giuliana, on May 8, 2003. Applicant has amended the claims and add new Claim 41 so as to recite subject matter along the lines discussed during the interview, which the Examiner agreed would overcome the outstanding rejections.

Additionally, Applicant has added new Claim 42 which is similar to amended Claim 1, but without the limitation that the third chamber is defined by the second moveable wall. Applicant submits that neither of the previous interpretations of the Sakai reference can anticipate or render obvious new Claim 42.

On the basis of the interview and in response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

All Pending Claims Now Fully Comply With 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 18, 19, 31-33, 35, and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the Examiner maintaining that the language therein is indefinite as filed. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 18 and 31 solely to make these claims more easily readable, and not to narrow or affect the scope of the claims. Further, Applicant submits that all pending claims now fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any

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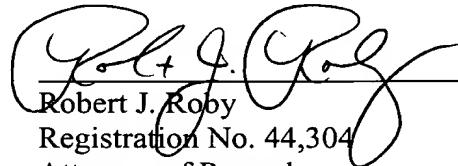
undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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